

FACT SHEET

ARE YOU A VICTIM OF AN ARSON FIRE?

The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) may be able to help victims who were injured or threatened with physical injury as the result of an arson fire. Family members of a person who was killed or physically injured as a result of an arson fire may also be eligible for help.

You may qualify for help if:

- You were within the perimeter of a fire caused by arson, and
- You were injured or threatened with physical injury by the fire

The Victim Compensation Program can help with:

- Medical expenses
- Mental health counseling
- Income loss if you are disabled due to physical injuries from the fire
- Support loss for family members of someone who died or was physically injured in the fire
- Funeral and burial costs

The CalVCP cannot pay for property loss, pain and suffering, or relocation costs. The program also cannot pay for any fire losses that are not the result of fire caused by arson.

To Apply for Victim Compensation

You can apply for assistance through your county Victim Witness Assistance Center. You do not need to obtain a crime report in order to apply for assistance.

Additional Resources

Primary assistance providers include: American Red Cross, FEMA, California Department of Social Services State Supplemental Grant Program, California Department of Insurance and Local Victim Assistance Centers.

The Victim Compensation Program is a payer of last resort. You may be required to use payments by Red Cross, FEMA, insurance and other assistance as a source of reimbursement. The program cannot reimburse losses for fires with unknown causes. Cooperation with law enforcement is necessary in order to qualify for benefits.

More information available at: www.vcgcb.ca.gov (800) 777-9229

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